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## State of Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration

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Attn: Tom Munson

Re: Release of Bond, Opal Mine, Stone Art Company, DOGM Permit # S/001/0044, SITLA

Lease # ML 46957

Dear Mr. Munson:

The School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration is in receipt of the request for release of reclamation bond for the above referenced exploration on trust lands.

The Divisions of Oil, Gas and Mining ("DOGM") site inspection of July 1, 2009 documents the historic condition of this well know rock-hounding area. These lands are still held by an active Gemstone lease (ML 46957) that was assigned to James B. Burr by the former lessee John D. Hechtle on June 23, 2006. We have no documentation that Mr. Burr has applied for continued removal of material from this site. Never-the-less, the Trust Lands Administration concurs with DOGM's recommendation that the \$1,000.00 reclamation bond be released.

Sincerely

William M. Stokes

Minerals Resource Specialist